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SUBJECT: IRAN' S FOREIGN MINISTRY PUBLISHES ANNUAL REPORT ON
GOI FOREIGN RELATIONS

1. MFA HAS PUBLISHED ITS ANNUAL " GREEN BOOK", A REPORT ON IRAN' S
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING MARCH 1972. ACCORDING
TO PRESS REPORTS THE BOOK, WHICH IS PUBLISHED IN THE PERSIAN LANGUAGE,

CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING SALIENT OBSERVATIONS.

A. IRAN MAINTAINS " THE BEST POSSIBLE RELATIONS" WITH THE
US, THE USSR, CHINA (PRC) AND BRITAIN. IRAN EXPANDED AND
STRENGTHENED ITS TIES OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE SOVIET UNION, THE
UNITED STATES, BRITAIN AND CHINA. RELATIONS WITH OTHER LEADING
POWERS WERE AMICABLE DESPITE IRAN' S DIFFERENCES WITH THE EEC.

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B. CONCERNING IRAQ DURING YEAR UNDER REVIEW, THE BOOK STATES, THERE WERE: MORE THAN 60 VIOLATIONS OF IRANIAN TERRITORY BY ARMED IRAQIS; REPEATED INCIDENTS OF ARMED ATTACKS ON IRANIANS; REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF IRANIAN AIRSPACE BY IRAQI AIRCRAFT; AND 2,793 IRANIAN CITIZENS DOMICILED IN IRAQ WERE EXPELLED, RAISING THE TOTAL TO 73,637. IRAN MAINTAINED ITS RESPONSIBLE APPROACH IN CONTRAST TO IRAQ'S PROVOCATIONS AND DID NOT BLOCK THE WAY TO A RESUMPTION OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

C. THERE WAS AN IMPROVEMENT IN IRAN'S RELATIONS WITH ITS IMMEDIATE NEIGHBORS. THE "COLD SPELL" IN IRAN-KUWAIT RELATIONS ENDED WITH NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS AND THE HELMAND WATERS TREATY WITH AFGHANISTAN "PUT PAID" TO THE CENTURY OLD DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. IRAN'S STAND THAT THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE REGION SHOULD BE WORKED OUT BY THE REGIONAL STATES THEMSELVES WITHOUT EXTERNAL INTERVENTION, WAS REASSERTED.

D. THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT SHOWED GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF IRANIAN POLICY TOWARDS THE ARAB WORLD, ALTHOUGH THERE WAS NO APPRECIABLE CHANGE IN RELATIONS WITH SYRIA. THERE WAS IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS WITH ALGERIA, BUT RELATIONS WITH LIBYA REMAINED COOL AND STAGNANT. FOR THIS REASON AT THE END OF THE IRANIAN AMBASSADOR'S TERM, IRAN DID NOT ACCREDIT A NEW AMBASSADOR TO TRIPOLI.

E. IRAN CONTINUED TO BACK THE ARAB CAUSE ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI DISPUTE AND CONDEMNED ISRAEL'S RAIDS ON LEBANON AS WELL AS THE SHOOTING DOWN OF A LIBYAN CIVIL AIRCRAFT BY ISRAELI FIGHTERS.

*. IRAN ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH A NUMBER OF ASIAN AND AFRICAN COUNTRIES INCLUDING NORTH KOREA, CHAD AND ZAIRE. IT ALSO RECOGNIZED EAST GERMANY AND AGREED TO AN EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS.

G. RELATIONS WITH INDIA CONTINUED ON THE BASIS OF FRIENDSHIP AND UNDERSTANDING, MOVING TOWARDS CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE ON THE SUBCONTINENT.

#. TURKEY AND PAKISTAN, IRAN'S ALLIES IN CENTO AND RCD,
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"RECEIVED ESPECIALLY WARM MENTION IN THE 'GREEN BOOK'".

I. THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET HAS PLACED IRAN IN A DIS-ADVANTAGEOUS POSITION BY GRANTING CUSTOMS CONCESSIONS AND PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH IT IS UNWILLING TO EXTEND TO IRAN.

J. THE "BALANCE OF TERROR" CONCEPT OF POLITICS DURING
THE COLD WAR HAS LOST ITS VALIDITY, AND IRAN SUPPORTS PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT OF ALL DIFFERENCES THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS.
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